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AND TERMS OF REFERENCE.

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1. AT GENEVA GROUP MEETING IN ROME, SEPTEMBER 8, U.S. GAVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF LAST MEETING OF FAO WORKING PARTY ON THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE FAO COUNCIL AND SELECTED COMMITTEES, SEE ROME 12013. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT NOTHING MUCH SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM THIS EXERCISE, BECAUSE OF THE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN BULA HOYOS, DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S BELIEF THAT PRESENT STRUCTURE OF FAO IS TO HIS ADVANTAGE, AND UNDERLYING TENSIONS BETWEEN DC AND LDC EFFORTS TO SHIFT BALANCE OF CONTROL.

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2. DESPITE ABOVE, NEW ZEALAND NOTED THAT REGIONAL MAKE-UP OF

WORKING PARTY GAVE GENEVA GROUP ESPECIALLY LARGE REPRESENTATION--
FRANCE, JAPAN, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA AND U.S. -- SO THAT EFFORT
SHOULD BE MADE IN WORKING PARTY TO CORRECT WEAK REPRESENTATION
IN ALL IMPORTANT FINANCE COMMITTEE. THERE WAS GENERAL ACCORD IN
PRESSING FRENCH VICE-CHAIRMAN'S COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IN WORKING
GROUP FOR SOME SORT OF BALANCED REGIONAL REPRESENTATION ON
FINANCE AND PROGRAM COMMITTEES. JAPAN SUPPORTED IDEA AND
STRESSED NEED FOR MORE GENEVA GROUP COUNTRY COORDINATION IN
WORKING PARTY.

3. UK, CO-CHAIRMAN OF ROME GENEVA GROUP, SUGGESTED THAT THIS ITEM
BE DISCUSSED AGAIN AT OCTOBER 5 GENEVA GROUP MEETING IN CONNECTION
WITH REPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON FAO STRUCTURE.
IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT IF PROPOSALS WERE TO BE PRESSED IN WORKING
PARTY, THEN MEMBER STATES SHOULD GET WORD TO THEIR REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES ON WORKING PARTY. NEXT MEETING OF WORKING PARTY
IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 26-28, BUT THERE IS DOUBT IN THE FAO
CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT THAT THESE DATES WILL BE MET.BEAUDRY

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